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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF FAA DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

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(C) NDJAMENA 1841; (D) GABORONE 1605; (E) NAIROBI 7367;

(F) PRETORIA 3990; (G) BLANTYRE 1527

BRUSSELS FOR FAA

1. FAA (ACTING AIA-1) HAS ASKED DEPT TO ADVISE FAA/
BRUSSELS OF PROBLEMS POSED BY VISIT PLANNED BY
ALBERT GAMMON, FAA DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR
EUROPE, AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST REGION, TO CERTAIN AFRICAN
COUNTRIES DURING PERIOD NOV. 13 - DEC. 1.

2. DEPT BELIEVES FOLLOWING FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
IN PLANNING SUBJECT VISITS:

(A) WE NOTE FROM REFTELS C AND G THAT VISIT TO CHAD
WOULD BE OF LIMITED VALUE AND IN CASE OF MALAWI QUITE
POSSIBLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

(B) BECAUSE OF SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DIFFERENCES
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BETWEEN BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND WHITE-CONTROLLED

AREAS TO SOUTH APPEARS DOUBTFUL THAT TRIP INVOLVING USE OF USG AIRCRAFT AND INCLUDING BOTH AREAS COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT GREAT DIFFICULTY IN REGARD TO FLIGHT CLEARANCES, (EVEN IF ROUTED THROUGH MALAWI), PARTICULARLY TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA. IF AWARE OF COMPLETE ITINERARY, AT

LEAST THESE TWO COUNTRIES NOT LIKELY TO APPROVE VISIT MUCH LESS WELCOME IT. THIS PRESENTS POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENT WHICH COULD DAMAGE US RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES. WE ALSO CONCERNED WITH DIFFICULTIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGUESE VISAS IN THEIR OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INSTANCES IN RECENT WEEKS, WHEN TANZANIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAVE NOT PERMITTED FOREIGN VISITORS TO ENTER TANZANIA UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

(C) GIVEN ANTICIPATED GLOBAL SHORTAGE OF JET FUEL, IT IN USG INTEREST LIMIT USE OF SUCH FUEL BY USG AGENCIES TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. DEPT IS CONCERNED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON POSTS IN CONNECTION WITH VISITS WHICH UNCLEAR WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE BENEFITS TO USG.

4. FOR FOREGOING REASONS DEPT IS DOUBTFUL THAT BENEFITS TO FAA/BRUSSELS AND POSTS CONCERNED FROM TRIP AS PRESENTLY PLANNED COULD OUTWEIGH ADVERSE AFFECTS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM USE OF USG AIRCRAFT. WE RECOMMEND ACCORDINGLY THAT FAA/BRUSSELS CONSIDER

(A) USE OF COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORTATION

(B) NOT INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, IN TRIP TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES

(C) VISITING ONLY THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE POSTS CONCERNED INDICATE VISIT WOULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO USG.

5. DEPT JUST RECEIVED DAR ES SALAAM 3729 WHICH CONFIRMS OUR VIEWS PAR. 2(B) ABOVE. RUSH

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